

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 12 noon, on Monday, March 22, 2004.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 3970–3979; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 385–386, and H. Res. 561–563 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 1375, to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions (H. Rept. 108–152, Pt. 3);

H.R. 3872, to prohibit the misappropriation of databases while ensuring consumer access to factual information (H. Rept. 108–437); and

H. Res. 561, providing for consideration of H. Res. 557, relating to the liberation of the Iraqi people and the valiant service of the United States Armed Forces and Coalition forces. (H. Rept. 108–438).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Chocoma to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:58 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:** By unanimous consent the House took from the Speaker's table and agreed to S. Con. Res. 93, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

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**Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:** By unanimous consent the House took from the Speaker's table and agreed to S. Con. Res. 94, establishing the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

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Later the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Speaker Hastert, Majority Leader DeLay, and Minority Leader Pelosi to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

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**Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy—Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Young of Florida wherein he resigned from the Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy.

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**Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Granger to fill the existing vacancy on the Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Thanking C–SPAN for its service to the House of Representatives:** H. Res. 551, thanking C–SPAN for its service to the House of Representatives on the 25th anniversary of its first coverage of the proceedings of the House, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 392 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 58;

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**Myron V. George Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3733, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Huston Street in Altamont, Kansas, as the "Myron V.

George Post Office", by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 394 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 59; and

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**Honoring the life and legacy of Luis A. Ferré:** H. Res. 433, honoring the life and legacy of Luis A. Ferré, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 398 yeas with none voting "nays" Roll No. 60.

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**Suspension Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following measure. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, March 17.

**Honoring the life and legacy of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt:** H.J. Res. 87, Honoring the life and legacy of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and recognizing his contributions on the anniversary of the date of his birth.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:08 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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**Senate Message:** Message from the Senate today appears on page 1080.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2043 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 1904, S. 2022, and S. Con. Res. 95 were held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today. There were no quorum calls.

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**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on School Leadership. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY SYSTEM

**Committee on Government Reform:** Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing on Homeland Security Advisory System: Threat Codes and Public Responses. Testimony was heard from Patrick M. Hughes, Assistant Secretary, Information Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; Randall Yim, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, GAO; Shawn Reese, Analyst, American National Government, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### INFORMATION SECURITY IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

**Committee on Government Reform:** Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held an oversight hearing entitled "Information Security in the Federal Government: One Year Into the Federal Information Security Management Act." Testimony was heard from Robert F. Dacey, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; Karen Evans, Administrator, Electronic Government and Information Technology, OMB; Benjamin Wu, Deputy Under Secretary, Technology, Department of Commerce; Paul Corts, Assistant Attorney General, Administration, Department of Justice; Jeffrey Rush, Jr., Inspector General, Department of the Treasury; Ellis W. Merschoff, Chief Information Officer, NRC; and Kerry Weems, Acting Assistant Secretary, Budget, Technology and Finance, Department of Health and Human Services.

### ANABOLIC STEROIDS CONTROL ACT

**Committee on the Judiciary:** Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 3866, Anabolic Steroids Control Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from Representative Sweeney; Joseph Rannazzisi, Deputy Director, Office of Diversion Control, DEA, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### LIBERATION OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE

**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing four hours of debate in the House on H. Res. 557, relating to the liberation of the Iraqi people and the valiant service of the United States Armed Forces and Coalition forces, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations, or their designee. The rule provides one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions. The rule provides that Section 1 of the resolution provides that during consideration of H. Res. 557, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the resolution to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representatives Hastings of Florida, Jackson-Lee of Texas, and Inslee.

### CONSOLIDATED CRYPTOLOGIC BUDGET

**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:** Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Consolidated Cryptologic Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 17, 2004**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearing scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, on Supreme Court, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol, and on FBI, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn, and executive, on Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Science, Nuclear Energy and Renewable Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on U.S. Geological Survey, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Older American Programs Panel, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on FAA, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 10 a.m., and on Community Development Financial Institutions, 11 a.m., and on U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, 1 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, hearing on Combating the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn; and to mark up the following measures: H.R. 3966, to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the ability of the Department of Defense to establish and maintain Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps units at institutions of higher education, to improve the ability of students to participate in Senior ROTC programs, and to ensure that institutions of higher education provide military recruiters entry to campuses and access to students that is at least equal in quality and scope to that provided to any other employer; S. 2057, to require the Secretary of Defense to reimburse members of the United States Armed Forces for certain transportation expenses by the members in connection with leave under the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Leave Program before the program was expanded to include domestic travel; H.R. 3104, to provide for the establishment of campaign medals to be awarded to members of the Armed Forces who participate in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom; and H. Con. Res. 374, expressing the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense, Federal banking agencies, the National Credit Union Admin-

istration, and the Federal Trade Commission should work to mitigate the financial hardships experienced by members of the reserve component as a result of being called to active duty, 5:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—the U.S. Transportation Command's (USTRANSCOM) Airlift and Sealift Programs, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Department of Defense Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle (UCAV) and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, to continue markup of the Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2005 and to consider other pending business, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, hearing entitled "Fiscal Responsibility and Federal Consolidation Loans: Examining Cost Implications for Taxpayers, Students, and Borrowers", 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, to consider the following measures: H.R. 27, Small Public Housing Authority Act; H.R. 1914, Jamestown 400th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act of 2003; H.R. 2131, to award a congressional gold medal to President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain; H.R. 2768, John Marshall Commemorative Coin Act; and H.R. 3277, Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, to consider the following bills: H.R. 3737, Administrative Law Judges Pay Reform Act of 2004; and H.R. 3751, to require that the Office of Personnel Management study and present options under which dental and vision benefits could be made available to Federal employees and retirees and other appropriate classes of individuals, 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing on U.S. Preparation for the World Radio Conferences: Too little, too late? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on the United States and Asia: Continuity, Instability, and Transition, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on the Current Situation in Serbia, and to mark up the following: H. Res. 543, House Commission For Assisting Democratic Parliaments Resolution; and H. Res. 558, welcoming the accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Non-proliferation and Human Rights, to mark up the Designation of Foreign Terrorist Organizations Reform Act, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing to examine how the Department of Interior's new Appraisal Officer

is functioning and how land exchanges are being evaluated, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 1375, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2003, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, hearing on the Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on the Status of the Computer-Assisted Passenger Prescreening System (CAPPS II), 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings to examine

the Department of Veterans Affairs Information Technology program, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to mark up H.R. 3971, Highway Reauthorization Tax Act of 2004, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, to hold a hearing on National Geo-spatial Agency Program Budget, 2 p.m., and executive, to consider pending business, 5 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Select Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security, hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security's Border and Transportation Security (BTS) Budget Proposal," 10:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

12 noon, Monday, March 22

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 17

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1637, Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Postponed vote on Suspension: H.R. 87, Honoring the life and legacy of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and recognizing his contributions on the anniversary of the date of his birth.

## Consideration of Suspensions:

(1) H.R. 3782, Counter-Terrorist and Narco-Terrorist Rewards Program Act;

(2) H. Con. Res. 364, to recognize more than 5 decades of strategic partnership between the United States and the people of the Marshall Islands in the pursuit of international peace and security.

Consideration of H. Res. 557, relating to the liberation of the Iraqi people and the valiant service of the United States Armed Forces and Coalition forces (closed rule, four hours of debate).

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